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SOUL-WINNING

Last year, 1945, was the greatest soul-winning year in the history of Southern Baptists. God wrought mightily through our Centennial Evangelistic Crusade.

But 1946, and not 1945, will be the testing year. In 1946, Southern Baptists will be confronted with the danger of losing much of the evangelistic

zeal and soul-winning enthusiasm of the previous year. There will be a tendency on the part of many to feel that, as the Evangelistic Crusade was a celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the convention, it automatically expired on the last day of the year.

There will be a tendency toward a cooling-off period; a gradual applying of the evangelistic brakes. There will be the danger of thinking the job has been finished. Southern Baptists must guard against succumbing to such a temptation.

Soul-winning has always been the main task of a Christian and a church. Southern Baptists must ever keep the emphasis at this point. Last year's achievements must be considered as

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Church Affiliations Of Members Of Congress

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Arkansas

A study of the church membership of 156 Southern Congressmen including all members of both Senate and House from 14 Southern States (the 11 Confederate states plus Maryland, Kentucky, and Oklahoma) reveals that the Methodists and Baptists have the dominant positions with 45 and 44 respectively and that the Episcopalians

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RUSSIAN BAPTIST LEADERS EXPRESS THANKS FOR KITS 100,000 More Kits to Be Sent

Southern Baptists sent 175,000 kits to Russia last year and the Executive Committee has endorsed the plan for sending 100,000 more kits this year.

The cablegram from the Russian Baptist and Evangelical Committee said in part: "We are deeply moved by this love and care exhibited by the Baptists of the great friendly United States for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have experienced all the horrors of war."

This expression of love and concern, on the part of Southern Baptists, will pave the way for the entrance of missionaries to Russia. We already have two missionaries under appointment and who are now studying the language.

Your pastor will soon receive a letter setting forth plans for securing and sending the kits. Mrs. J. A. Anderson has been asked to continue serving as state chairman.

Empty cartons are ordered from: Southern Baptist Kit for Russia Committee, 239 Peachtree street, N. E., Atlanta 3, Ga.

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My Favorite Sermon

Christianity And The Home

Dr. Bryan Simmons, Heidelberg, Miss.

The story of the healing of the Gadarene Demoniac, as recorded in the first twenty verses of the fifth chapter of Mark, is one of the most thrilling in the ministry of the Master. In the light of this story, we could study to advantage the power of sin in the life, the power of Christ over sin in the life and the attitude of a money-loving world toward the Master. We pass these by to consider the matter as set forth in the word of Jesus in Mark 5:19. When Jesus said to the healed demoniac, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee," He set forth one of the primal and most important duties of the Christian.

In the discussion of Christianity in the Home, we suggest:

I. Some essentials. Some practical things needful if we manifest to our loved ones and friends what the Lord has done for us.

(1) The manifestation of a Christian spirit in our daily living in the

home. (2) Giving of thanks at the table. (3) The family altar. (4) The telling of our conversion to our loved ones in the home.

Without stopping to discuss the merits of these suggested essentials, we ask two pertinent questions. Do you seek to cooperate in the observance of these practical manifestations of Christianity in your home? Have

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Record Obtains New Religious Photo Service

Religious News Service, which is to church journalism what The Associated Press and United Press are to the secular press has instituted a new and unprecedented worldwide photo service of religious developments which will be available to The Baptist Record.

Through the camera's eyes, Religious News Service will supplement its authentic and colorful news accounts with visual reports.

A former staff member of Acme Newspictures, Associated Press and the New York Times heads the new department.

Ellis Lee Carnett To Direct Southwestern Seminary's School Of Sacred Music



ELLIS L. CARNETT

Ralph D. Churchill
Publicity Director

Rev. Ellis L. Carnett, Mansfield, Louisiana, was elected director of the School of Sacred Music of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, at a called meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, Friday, August 3, succeeding Dr. I. E. Reynolds, retired.

Mr. Carnett received a Diploma of

Gospel Music from the seminary in 1920 and the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree in 1926. He completed some work on the Bachelor of Theology degree in 1934 and served on the music faculty between 1920 and 1935.

Since leaving Fort Worth, Mr. Carnett has served as associate pastor and choir director of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Union City, Tennessee. He was for four years a member of the music faculty of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana, and for the past three years has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mansfield, Louisiana.

He has served as instructor in various music conferences throughout the South and for the past three years was a faculty member of the Southwide Church Music Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C.

He is a talented soloist, having sung the tenor solos in the Messiah 36 times at the seminary and other places.

Mr. Carnett will move to Fort Worth with Mrs. Carnett and daughter, Betty Sue, age 14, about September 1. A son, Ellis Lee, Jr., is a student in L. P. I., Ruston, Louisiana.

MY FAVORITE SERMON

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you ever told to your home folk the story of your salvation? This latter had its effect in the home and in the community of the healed demoniac and it will have a wholesome effect in yours.

II. Some reasons for the importance of Christianity in the home:

(1) The preservation of the home is absolutely dependent upon it. God established the home; Jesus honored it with His presence and declared His estimate of its worth by describing heaven as a home. Such an institution will live only in the atmosphere of Christianity. Home life is not all a May morning, and the purpose to have a Christian home with the practices essential thereto is the only thing that has ever effectively thrown oil on its troubled waters, calmed its storms and righted its wrongs.

(2) The progress of Christianity is dependent largely on the Christian home. No phase of organized Christian effort will accomplish much without the cooperation of the home. With the manifestation of practical Christianity on the part of the saved in the home, it will be easy to win the unsaved with the gospel message and lead the young Christians into Christian development and active service. On the other hand, the godless home or the home with listless or inconsistent Christians is an almost insurmountable barrier to the gospel message. The home rightly related to Christianity provides a vantage ground from which to fight valiantly the good fight of faith unto the ends of the earth. Save the home and we shall save society, the state, the nation and the world, and the only way to save the home is to shoot it through and through with the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. Some difficulties in the way.

There are difficulties in the way as there are difficulties in the way of doing anything else worth while; but these difficulties make the effort more necessary. Among the obstacles often suggested to the observance of the activities necessary to Christianity in the home are (1) Lack of time. (2) Lack of education. (3) One parent considers it the prime responsibility of the other. (4) The children complain. To these obstacles we offer (1) We have all the time there is and it is just a question of how we shall use it. (2) There are many simple passages in the Bible and, too, our children can and will do the reading. (3) Often one parent must make up for the deficiencies of the other, why not in the matter of making a Christian home? (4) Usually children will come to appreciate these practices and, if not, their dislikes should not keep parents from meeting their Christian obligations to them.

Parents, how will your children remember you when you are gone? Will it be in the light of your indulgence or your restrictions? Will it be in the light of your bank account or your insurance money? The finest heritage we can leave our children is the memory of and influence of practical, every-day, Christian living in the home. See your responsibility and seize your opportunity.

My unsaved friend, Jesus is passing your way today. Meet Him, let Him loose you from the bondage of sin and then "Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

A CANNIBAL BECOMES A DEVOUT

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heart went bad, and as soon as I did it I felt like killing myself, and I prayed hard to Jesus to make my heart good."

At that time he had not been baptized, for missionaries must not rush their converts into church membership. A few years later he was baptized and received into the church. He took his discipleship seriously and seemed to have a consuming desire to do the will of God, as he understood it.

Dr. Paton found in his convert an invaluable aid. When helping him in translating Mark's account of the crucifixion, Lomai stopped suddenly and said with deep emotion: "Missionary, did they really do that to the Son of God?"

Very early in his Christian life Lomai learned that spiritual things can be discerned only by those who are spiritually-minded. Dr. Paton says: "One day, as we were translating Matthew together, Lomai said to me: 'Now, I can make it more straight. Before my heart not right, and I no get the word of Jesus straight. Now my heart right a little bit, and I get the word of Jesus more straight. By and by we get it altogether straight.'"

Like Peter of old, Lomai learned that brother Paul said some things hard to be understood. Dr. Paton says: "After trying in vain to turn one of Paul's speeches into intelligible Tannese, I said to Lomai, 'Do you think the people will understand that?' He answered dubiously, 'I don't know. Not many people speak like Paul. He had a very strong mouth.'"

When Lomai and some of his companions had been members of the church for four years, they were ordained elders. After explaining the responsibilities and duties of the office, Dr. Paton asked them if they were willing to undertake the office. Lomai said: "Missi, we cannot go back in the work of Jesus. You first baptized us, then you made us deacons, and now you have asked us to be elders. We are not fit to be elders, but we cannot go back. We must go forward, and we must pray hard to Jesus to make us more fit. We want to do everything you tell us, and we know that Jesus will help us."

Lomai and several companions made an effort to rescue some members of another tribe which were found in a starving condition. He heard with indignation that an old woman had been left behind to die. Her sister had said to her: "My sister, the road is long and you are sick, I cannot take you with me." She replied: "My sister, go; save yourself and leave me to die for I am old." Such a heartless tale kindled Lomai's wrath, and he said: "What did you bring on your backs? Sticks and rubbish that will rot away. And yet you left a woman who can never die. Tell me where you have left her and I will go back for her." Though he was almost exhausted from a long trip, he took two natives and went in search for the poor woman. He found her in a dying condition. "Water, water I am dying," she said. He gave her drink from a coconut which revived her, then he cut some branches from a only a beginning of greater things to follow.

The soul-winning line which had tree, made a stretcher and carried

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been moving downward on the chart has now been turned upward. It must continue in that direction. There must be no dip from the 1945 peak.

We must continue to have special evangelistic meetings in our churches. Extension meetings in public halls, under brush arbors, and in every appropriate place must be carried on with a greater determination. We must go into the homes of lost people; into their offices and shops.

To such a problem of soul-winning during 1946, the Brotherhoods pledge their vigorous and unceasing support.

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MORE DOCTRINAL PREACHING AND TEACHING

While there has been an unprecedented increase in church membership, there is a deplorable lack of understanding and appreciation of Baptist doctrines among Southern Baptists—old and new. One would be surprised by the answers which would be given to the simple question, "Why are you a Baptist?"

The stability and strength of the denomination is in proportion to our uncompromising position regarding our doctrines. If Southern Baptists do not believe something that no other religious group believes, then there would seem to be no legitimate reason for a separate denominational existence. But Southern Baptists do have distinctive doctrines, and because of this there can be no unionism without a fatal denominational compromise. Some of these distinctive beliefs to which Baptists have so tenaciously clung have been woven into the very warp and woof of our constitutional government. Our Baptist forefathers suffered persecution, even death, rather than surrender these beliefs, and we will not renounce the faith of our fathers.

The men of our Brotherhoods will urge that, during 1946, our pastors and teachers address themselves more seriously and more frequently to the presentation of great fundamental Baptist doctrines. A series of doctrinal sermons during the year would do much toward strengthening our churches and her to the village.

Lomai suffered an attack of flu which left him in a weakened condition. While convalescing, he said to Dr. Paton: "Missi, can you not give me some work that will equal my strength? There is so much to do and I have been ill so long that my heart is sore because I cannot help you." Paton advised him to keep his bed for a while longer, and when he found him worse a little later, asked him if he had done anything to bring on a relapse. A bit shamefaced he replied: "Yes, I was reading John's gospel last night and my heart was so glad with what I read that I went out into the village and told the people about what I had read. Then I was cold and all the pain came back very bad."

Dr. Paton closes his thrilling account of Lomai with these words: "We may travel far afield in the providences of God, but we shall never meet with nobler or more Christ-like men than Lomai and his brave fellow teachers. They are heroes, every one of them, God's heroes."

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denominational life. Upon those occasions when our Sunday school lessons have a doctrinal background, our teachers must not compromise their Baptist position.

The Brotherhood stands firm for an uncompromising presentation of our Baptist doctrines upon every appropriate occasion.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

It is extremely important that serious and immediate consideration be given to the worship services of our churches. Our pastors may sit up all night preparing their sermons, and pour out their hearts in preaching those sermons, but they will not preach them to many lost people unless we laymen put those lost people into the church services. While the attendance upon the Sunday morning worship service is holding up very well, and in many churches has increased, in very few churches will it represent forty per cent of the resident membership; not twenty-five per cent of the men of our churches attend this service. The evening worship service is very poorly attended—while ninety-five per cent of the members of the average church are never seen in the mid-week prayer meeting. The Brotherhood believes that all these worship services are vital to the life of our churches, and, during 1946, will throw ourselves full-length into the task of increasing the attendance upon all of them, with particular emphasis upon the Sunday evening service and the mid-week prayer meeting.

IV

FINANCES

No enterprise, religious or otherwise, can travel faster or farther than its financial support will carry it. Sometimes we do not travel as fast or as far as we might because we travel too cheaply.

Not one agency or institution of the denomination is adequately financed. By this, is meant that it is not financed to a point where it can take advantage of present unprecedented opportunities. Financially, they are all undernourished.

Increased budgets will be necessary locally for the work of assimilating and enlisting the largest annual increase in church membership in the history of the denomination. This large increase in membership will necessarily involve a corresponding increase in operating expenses. It will be necessary to improve and enlarge our church properties and equipment. Our institutions must be financed to a point which will permit accommodating an inevitable increase in patronage. Millions will be needed for rehabilitation, and for the expansion of our world-mission program.

The responsibility for financing our work rests largely upon the men of our churches. It is the men who have the money, and, at the present time, they have it in unparalleled volume.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South, with the associated Brotherhoods in the states, proposes to promote interest in the Cooperative Program—the basic plan for financing our denominational work—until every church of the convention, and every individual in every church, has been given the privilege of participating in financing the efforts of Southern Baptists to send the gospel of our Lord to the uttermost part of the earth. We pledge ourselves to the promotion of a more adequate financing of the entire program of our churches and denomination.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

NOTE—We regret the emphasis, "The Sin Christians Are Not Afraid to Commit" in last week's issue was not credited to The Christian Digest. Credit to whom credit is due!

I

Many people do not know that the Convention Board does not own and operate the building where our offices are housed at present. The building is owned by Mississippi Woman's College.

We find many people do not know that the Baptist Book Store is not owned and operated by the Convention Board. It is owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of Nashville.

That readers may understand the departments in their relationships, let us say that the Brotherhood and the B. S. U. departments, recently headed by secretaries, are Convention Board departments. That also means they are parts of our State Mission work. The Mississippi Baptist Convention does its work through boards, commissions and committees. State Missions and other phases of Mississippi Baptist Convention work are carried on through the Convention Board with its Executive Committee synonymous with the Education Commission. Yours for straight thinking, and at the same time expressing joy over the fact that frequently our work is so splendidly integrated that it appears as one!

II

Palestine is one of the best arguments to be found anywhere for the need of State Missions. To us, one of the tragedies of Christian history is the fact that Christianity through the centuries seems to have dragged the bottom for the most part in Palestine. Is it that Christianity is not virile enough to combat the problems faced there? We cannot agree with the suggestion of that question. The last words of Jesus in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea . . ." were definitely and deliberately ignored at Jerusalem and in Judea, and the inevitable penalty was paid!

Another tragedy of Christian history is that Baptist life and work in the section where it was introduced in our own state is for the most part very weak. It is that the failure of New Testament Christianity or is it the failure of the people in applying it? The answer for us to that question is very easy.

Mississippi Baptists should not fail again at this point in State Missions. RE: Cash Receipts. It is our policy in the Convention Board office to give a temporary cash receipt for all monies brought personally to the office. Later the official serial numbered receipt is mailed. It is our desire that all persons bringing money into the office accept the receipt proffered.

III

"And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" (I Chronicles 29:5.) As we look toward moving into our new quarters in the Baptist building recently purchased, some of us are thinking about dedication day. We will want to have the building dedicated to the service of the Lord! As a matter of fact, the building committee has started definite plans looking toward a dedicatory service at the meeting of the Convention in November.

In addition, we have been talking with some of our office helpers along the line of personal stock taking and a renewed dedication to the service of the Lord which we attempt to render. Such instances of dedication prove a blessing to the people of God through both Old Testament and New Testament times. Others have experienced such renewals down to our own day.

We have frequently said that we have not found problems in this office different from the pastorate save in scope. In this position there are more responsibilities, more work to be done and more ground to be covered. More people are to be contacted! Both in the pastorate and in this work, as in Christianity generally, good will is primary. It was so in heaven's first message. (Luke 2:14.) Efficiency is another good foundation principle both in the work of the pastorate and in this work.

We say these things to remind the hearts of all Mississippi Baptist denominational employees, church employees, church members altogether, that the coming dedication day will be most opportune!

"And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" (I Chronicles 29:5.)

Mississippi Baptists have largely expanded their help in the Negro work and yet it does not much more than touch the surface of the need. This year we have helped hold approximately twenty one-week Bible institutes. We have given a small honorarium to the white teacher and the Negro teacher in this work. We have also paid several hundred dollars this year on the salary of the president of the Negro seminary. Some of our fine white pastors have volunteered their service without remuneration in this work. In addition, we have given Negro leaders Baptist Record subscriptions, thousands of tracts and gospels of John. We have also furnished several Negro institutes and colleges with large numbers of library books. This is but a small part of our State Mission work!

Rev. E. D. Estes, one of our enlistment pastors, submitted his resignation to the Convention Board office in July. The Executive Committee considered and accepted the resignation. Brother Estes goes to Arkansas and his address is Box 487, Little Rock. He has performed well as evangelist and enlistment pastor, and we wish for him every success in his new field.

IV

"Let every one of you," I Corinthians 16:2 is the New Testament ideal and injunction for participation by New Testament church members in the work of Christ. It means exactly what it says, "every one of you." That includes the pastor, every deacon, every Sunday school leader, every missionary society leader, every training union leader, every brotherhood leader, every

student union leader and every member of every church. It means every one participating in every phase of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. That includes the worship hours—both morning and night. That includes the Bible school. That includes the training union. It means every one of you in every prayer service. It means every one winning the lost to Jesus. It means every one in every study course. It means every one in giving financial support to all the work of Christ. It means every one in every mission project in the state and around the world. That is plain, simple language easily understood, "let every one of you." Every one means every one! We either believe the Bible and practice Bible truth or we do not. As Christians in the spirit of Christ, we do believe it and do practice the truth of it!

We are sure you have seen two types of young men. One falls in love with a girl, courts and wins her. The other type "flirts with" just about every girl who comes along, proposing to one after another, "sorta" hoping for the best but largely without purpose.

We find churches in these two types. One does the thing admonished by Jesus, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers unto his harvest." Matthew 9:38. They seek the will of the Lord through constant prayer and Bible study, and having evidence of the leadership of the spirit of God, they go after a particular man for pastor. The other sort of church "flirts with" a half dozen or more, hoping more or less aimlessly for the best, but without particular strength of purpose. Small wonder there is so much catastrophe in church and pastoral life.

V

CRIME CHALLENGES THE CHURCH

The monthly collection and analysis of crime statistics by the FBI constitute a crime barometer which shows that the eternal conflict between the forces of lawlessness and destruction exists day and night, seven-days-a-week, as a two-fisted reality. Every 22 seconds throughout the past year a major crime has been taking place. During an average day, 27 criminal homicides have been committed, as well as 136 other felonious assaults. An average of 745 American homes have been burglarized every 24 hours, 124 innocent persons have been robbed, 2,209 larcenies have occurred and 514 automobile owners have been deprived of the use of their cars by auto thieves. If such trends continue, it will mean that during the normal lifetime of the average American 436,475 murders will be committed in this country, and 88,000,000 larcenies, burglaries, auto thefts and aggravated assaults will be perpetrated.

Of the 1,300,000 major crimes committed last year, eighteen-year-old boys and girls were found guilty of perpetrating more than any other age group. Young Americans who had not yet reached voting age accounted for 65 per cent of all the car thefts, 55 per cent of all the burglaries, 30 per cent of all the robberies, 37 per cent of all the sneak thievery, 30 per cent of all cases involving malicious destruction by fire and 13 per cent of all the murders. The weakening of moral fiber demonstrated by these figures is not the only problem. The lethargy and apathy of parents and adults, who have been directly responsible for the fact that young people have failed to receive proper religious education or obtain a proper evaluation of the governing principles which have brought the American people to their present position of power and prosperity, have also exposed our young people to false philosophies of starchy-eyed theorists and the nostrums of Utopian quackery. Failure of American parents properly to instruct their children in the fundamental tenets of their American heritage has permitted many "isms" to thrive like parasites, gnawing at the vitals of the constitutional government and destroying the ideals of liberty and "equal opportunity" for which America stands.

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VI

BY AN OLD RAIL FENCE

THAT'S WHERE THE LORD SAVED ME ONE SUMMER DAY

One morning when I was a boy the preacher preached a sermon which I think now must have been on the subject, "The Gates of Heaven." In the sermon he asked, "If the gates of heaven were opened, would you enter?"

The question startled me. I knew that if the gates of heaven were opened that day I could not enter, because I could not claim to be a Christian boy.

That night the preacher's text was, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called the Christ?" He said very simply and earnestly that to accept Christ as Saviour meant heaven, that to reject Him as Saviour meant hell.

I went home that night with the most wretched feeling. I could not sleep. I got up in the night, slipped out of the window that opened on the back porch, and went down to the moonlit watermelon patch. It was a beautifully clear night, and I thought of the heaven beyond the stars and of the hell somewhere in some vast region below.

At the breakfast table next morning, my mother said, "Son, you look like you didn't sleep much last night."

"No, ma'am," I said. "I didn't."

"What is the matter?"

"I feel awfully sinful," I admitted.

I had to plow that day. My misery grew until I finally drove out to the GALLEY 10—BAPTIST RECORD—GAL 2—MISS BAPTISTS end of a log row and dropped the plow line down by the side of Barney, my old white mule. I got down in the fence corner, the corner of an old rail fence, and told God I felt awfully bad—awfully sinful—and that I wanted to be saved.

"If one must accept Jesus to be saved," I prayed, "then I accept Him." There in a fence corner the Lord saved me. That night—the text of the preacher's sermon I do not now remember—

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WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOALS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. A summer assembly.
3. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
4. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.
5. A full-time Indian worker.
6. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
7. More associational missionaries.
8. Enlarged soldier work.
9. The Baptist Record in every home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE FAITHFUL

Few people reach maturity without being able to look back over the years with appreciation for that faithful group of Sunday school teachers in whose classes they were for one year or more. Each one made an impression, and boys and girls grown to manhood and womanhood recall each one for different attributes. Perhaps the greatest were faithfulness in attendance and a constant interest in her pupils.

Sunday school teachers have always come from the ranks of volunteers. On very few occasions have they been conscripted and never have they received pay in money. The rewards are not always material for teaching Bible each Sunday to those intrusted to their care for a period of twelve months.

One of the greatest rewards comes from that regular searching of the Scriptures for themselves and in the light of the needs of the pupils. The prayer life of a teacher deepens as she becomes

concerned about those in her class who are not Christian.

There come discouragements along the way as parents do not always cooperate in arranging for children to get to Sunday school on time, and as boys and girls are inclined to become more interested in the neighbors' activities than in the lesson at hand. But faithful teaching, in spite of difficulties, brings its rewards. The Word has touched pupils' hearts and teachers have seen some of those "problem" children become Christians and grow into consecrated church members.

Sunday school teachers have not only been faithful in their attendance, but in their abiding interest in those whom they have taught. They have held up high standards of conduct not only by precept, but by example. They have expected their boys and girls to conduct themselves as Christian gentlemen and ladies and usually they are not disappointed.

One teacher of a class of young men had taught the class for a long period of years. The men stayed in his class until they left home to go to college, until they began teaching themselves, or became old enough to go into the men's Bible class. From this one class went several to train for the gospel ministry. They were that teacher's "preacher boys." Others went into the business world with Christian ideals and found their places of service as superintendent of the Sunday school, president of the B. Y. P. U. (this was before the B. T. U.), or wherever there was a need.

Sunday school teaching is a never-ending task. By the time one lesson is taught, preparation must begin on another. There are also social activities which must be planned and the teacher is the leader in them.

To this large group of workers in our churches we want to express our appreciation. They are truly the pastors' helpers. The pastors reap where the teachers have sown. They are the unsung heroes of our churches.

In September they will promote their classes and begin anew with another group of "our children." Other teachers have worked with adult groups and have stayed at their posts for lifetimes.

Surely when these teacher's of God's Word come into His presence He will say to them, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

POSTWAR BUILDING

Scientists in recent years have developed many useful things that have helped to bring victory for the Allied Nations. Many strong and useful Christians have

developed in spite of the fact that the world has been war-mad.

Vast amounts of money have accumulated in the treasuries of Mississippi Baptist churches. Much of this money has been laid aside for building funds and post-war plans.

Baptists should consider carefully and prayerfully before this money is spent. High salaries and insurance money which have come to many homes have come at the cost of precious lives. Truly we should be good stewards of this money. We know of one case where a young boy in the air corps was sending money home every month to be placed in the bank in a special fund to help build a church in his community. News came a few months ago that he was missing in action and all hope of finding him is gone. This is just one of many cases in Mississippi.

Spending on buildings inadequately planned is unwise spending. As we plan for spending at home surely God would have us look on the fields and get a vision of the world's need of the message of Jesus. The Gospel should be sent to those who have been our enemies. If we keep this money all for our own needs and fail to see beyond our own doors how can God prosper our churches? Christ's sacrifice on the Cross was made that all could have eternal life. Service men and women and their loved ones have made sacrifices and we must not fail them or God in our use of this money which has come at such great cost.

ARE YOU RATIONING RELIGION?

Very few civilians expected rationing with all its tedious details to come to such a sudden close as it did on the heels of V-Day. We have been ration conscious and the fact of rationed goods had been accepted... sometimes with undue grouching, but accepted, none-the-less.

As restrictions are lifted on many items, let us take an inventory of things that have not been rationed except as we ourselves have limited them. In other nations as non-Christians prohibited worship on the Lord's Day Christians met secretly in order to worship Him. In America our church doors are free to open. Services are held several times during the week, but the attendance at services is limited.

In times of crisis such as we have experienced in recent months our faith has been tested. When letters did not come through then our faith assured us that our loved ones were still safe. We told our-

selves and our friends that God was with our men and boys in the Pacific and in Europe. But as they begin to come home will our faith be as strong or will we want to manage our own affairs for awhile?

What about the reading and studying of our Bibles? Coupled with a study of His Word must go prayer. His Word will unfold with new meaning in old familiar passages, if we read, it prayerfully, seeking to find His will for that hour. As we pray we often pray amiss, but God knows the desires of our hearts and Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:20 that God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Surely when His goodness to us has been and is unlimited, we are foolish to neglect to lay hold of God's offerings to us. We ask for little things, and because He knows that we do not know how to ask, He lavishes upon us friends who shall be as sisters or brothers, older saints who shall be as interested as parents, and material gifts far greater than we deserve.

Do not ration your faith, your Bible study or your prayer life. And more than these live the victorious life by serving your neighbor and participating in the activities of His church. When we worship Him in the secret place, then we will also want to worship Him publicly on the Lord's Day. Give of yourself and all that you have. Living for Jesus will fill our lives with the fruits of the Spirit that are recorded in Galatians 5:22, but rationing of these things will produce works of the flesh as recorded in the verses preceding.

When we are willing to put our lives into His keeping, He will give us the courage and the strength to be found faithful in Faith, Bible Study, Prayer, Giving and Service.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF OUR WORLD MISSION WORK

Our foreign mission work is one of the most dramatic phases of our entire denominational program. The fact that it is globe-girdling gives to it a glamour that attracts our special attention.

It is inspiring to know that a dollar put in the plate in the home church out in the country will, through our Foreign Mission Board, spread itself out until it becomes the means of telling the humblest man in the remotest part of the earth the good news of the saving grace of our Lord.

The remarkable growth of our world-mission work carried on by our
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Sparks & Splinters

Baldwyn: We have just closed a glorious revival meeting with fifty additions to our church. There were 26 for baptism; 24 came by letter and six rededications. We had a choir composed of members of most of the churches in Baldwin. The evangelist, Reverend Robert C. Cannon, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Charleston, West Virginia, and our visiting soloist was Mrs. R. C. Cannon. Brother Cannon led us, the very first service, into the presence of the dear Saviour, and there he caused us to walk for twelve days and nights. God will bless the ministry of this, His man, wherever he may go. There was not a let-down on the part of any. Every committee did each and everything asked of them... and God gave the increase. Our offering for the revival was \$475. God loveth a cheerful giver!—E. C. Edwards, pastor.

Rev. J. A. Barnhill of Jackson was the evangelist during the revival at Murphy Creek church, Winston county. The music was directed by Grady Barnhill. There were 25 additions, 13 of whom came on profession of faith.—F. H. Miller, pastor.

There were 12 additions during the revival at Morris Chapel, Bolivar county. Pastor J. W. Sturdivant was assisted by Rev. B. T. Bishop of Slaughter, who did the preaching. Sheldon Fletcher of Cleveland was the song leader.

Beginning September 2 the Main Street church of Hattiesburg will sponsor a thirty-minute radio program each Sunday morning from 8:15 to 8:45 over Station WFOR. There will be singing by the men's quartet and a special message by the pastor.

Hattiesburg, Main Street church: All records in Sunday school attendance in August were broken last Sunday when 475 attended Sunday school! This was the result of regular weekly visits without any special concern for attendance. We congratulate Superintendent M. A. Mayo and Associate Superintendent H. F. McWilliams, Sr., on this evidence of the fine work they are doing, along with all Sunday school workers. How they came by departments: General officers, 5; Adult No. 1, 63; Adult No. 2, 79; Young People's department, 39; Intermediate, 69; Junior, 56; Primary, 57; Beginner, 44; Cradle Roll, 63.—John E. Barnes, pastor.

Rev. D. W. Moulder recently preached at Shady Grove church, George county. He has assisted in 23 meetings in this church. He has preached during 16 meetings at Neely. C. S. Moulder is the pastor at Neely now and Shady Grove is without a pastor.

There were 23 additions at the revival at Union Senior church, Covington county. The evangelist was Rev. E. M. Bilbo.—Reporter.

Rev. Solie I. Smith brought the messages during the revival at Oak Grove church, Clarke county. There was one conversion. Twenty-two church members signed tithe cards following a message on stewardship on Thursday night.—L. B. Simmons, pastor.

Total gifts for the month of July at Main Street church, Hattiesburg, was \$5,202.89. This is a record. More and more of our members are adopting God's plan of giving.—John E. Barnes, pastor.

Pastor Upton Reynolds was assisted by Rev. J. W. Sturdivant of Merigold in the revival at Rome. The music was conducted by Clyde Reynolds of Clarksdale. There were a number of additions.

Six came for baptism during the revival at Lorena. Pastor D. W. Moulder was assisted by Rev. L. S. Polk who did the preaching.

Forrest "Woody" Watkins, student at Mississippi College and also assistant to W. G. Mize, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, led the services at Wiggins on July 15. There was special music by a quartet that came with "Woody." It was a great week-end of fellowship for the young people. The month of July was observed by the church as "Youth Month."

Clifton church, Scott county: Dr. O. R. Mosley told every Bible class at Clarke College for years that no drama ever staged was as interesting as God's word when it was revealed and unfolded by an inspired man of God. We at Clifton say Amen. Rev. B. E. Phillips did just that for us. His messages were plain, simple and practical. I have never seen my people so inspired and fired as this past week. We understand how for 27 years the people at New Hebron have loved and cared for their pastor.—A. A. Jackson, pastor.

Leaf River church at Pineville has gone from one-quarter time to half-time. In order to give them one-half time the pastor, Rev. A. A. Jackson, has resigned from Salem church, Leake county.

Mrs. Willie G. Rogers has served 30 years as Sunbeam leader in the Plantersville church. Focus week for the Sunbeams was observed by using the members of the Sunbeam Band in the opening program of the Sunday school. On Wednesday of that week a missionary program was given for the colored children at the colored church. The W. M. S. gave a party for the Sunbeams on Friday night at the home of Mr. W. A. McDonald. At the party Mrs. Rogers was presented a lovely pin for her faithful service.—Mrs. Partlow, reporter.

Pastor H. L. Davis and his family will move into the pastor's new home which is being completed at Zion church, Forest county. The home has been built on the "pay-as-you-go-plan."—Mrs. Earl McGilvray.

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The Woman's Missionary Union's Yearbook shows that Blue Mountain College is one of the four colleges in Mississippi that has an A-1 Ann Hasseltine Y. W. A. According to the yearbook, the other colleges on the honor roll are Clarke Memorial College, Delta State Teachers College, and Jones County Junior College.

London—(By Wireless to RNS)—Miss Rachel Storr, daughter of the late Canon Storr, Anglican Archdeacon of Westminster, and graduate of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, will be ordained a Congregational minister on September 10. She will become assistant minister of the Claremont Congregational Central Mission at Pentonville, London.

Green Lake, Wis.—(RNS)—Leading national, state and city executives, and prominent laymen of the Northern Baptist Convention from thirty-four states assembled here to plan the fourteen million dollar world mission crusade for world relief, reconstruction and advance which the denomination voted last May.

During the week of September 23, a simultaneous religious census will be taken by the 33 Baptist churches in the District of Columbia. This is the first time that a city-wide census has been attempted.

District of Columbia Baptists are planning a city-wide visitation campaign for the week of October 7, and Dr. W. E. Woodbury, director of evangelism for the Northern Baptist Convention, will be in Washington to direct this personal visitation campaign. It is planned to have 2,000 visitors out every night that week. Already the Convention has surpassed all records in the number of baptisms for the Convention year.

Arkabutla church, Tate county, completed its VBS on August 12. Forty-six were enrolled and there was an average attendance of 41. The mission offering amounted to \$9.50. The following served as teachers and helpers: Mrs. Alma Chambliss, Mrs. Hester Woolfolk, Miss

Laura Emily Moore, Mrs. H. S. Metcalf, Mrs. W. J. Lane, Mrs. G. W. McGaha, Mrs. H. R. Moore and Mrs. L. V. Edwards. A. M. Graham is superintendent of the Sunday school.—Mrs. L. E. Edwards, principal.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City; Rev. Percy Magee, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Cannon, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.; Rev. Carey Cox, Prattville, Ala.; Rev. Owen Williams, Utica; Mrs. R. A. Ivy, Laurel; H. L. Fewell, Hattiesburg; William P. Phillips, Nashville, Tenn.

Three generations of the Boykin family were baptized Sunday by Rev. W. I. Allen at Rhuhamia church in Noxubee county. They were Pat Boykin, Sr., grandfather; his son, Pat Boykin, Jr., and his son, Pat Boykin, III.

Coach Stanley Robinson, Mississippi College coach, now on leave with the American Red Cross, will return to the Choctaw campus next fall. The board of trustees have sent him a letter, welcoming him back to the college. Coach Robbie had previously written the board stating that he would be in readiness to return to the college at the opening of school.

Bobby: Say, Uncle, when are you going to play football again? **Rich uncle:** When am I going to play football? What makes you ask that question? **Bobby:** Well, Dad says that when you kick off, we're going to get a new automobile and house.—Copied.

THE VICTORY OF THE CROSS (\$1.25) by George Taylor, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Williamsburg, Pennsylvania is an important and distinctive study which presents the redemptive struggle of Jesus as an integral part of His life, His teachings, and His mission. It shows the victory in Gethsemane as the perfect surrender of Jesus to the will of God for the salvation of this world. The purpose is to give Christ's redeeming work a vital place in human experience, demonstrating that Christ's redemptive process is not a thing of magic removed from the ordinary experiences of life, but is a process which merges with human life and becomes the essence of living. Order from the publisher, Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, or from the Baptist Book Store.

September has been designated in the Southern Baptist activities calendar as Southern Seminary Month. To assist churches in presenting special programs in observance of Southern Seminary Day, the Seminary has prepared a suggested program which can be given in a few minutes in either the opening or closing assembly of the Sunday school or Training Union. As suggested in the September issue of The Sunday School Builder, copies of the program, with an attractive picture folder, may be had free by writing President Ellis A. Fuller, Louisville 6, Kentucky.

To help relieve the housing problem for students of Southern Seminary, the first floor of Mullins hall, west, dormitory for men, has been reserved this year for married couples. All of these rooms have already been taken and there is a waiting list. Many of the single men will have to share rooms with each other. The 87th session of the seminary will open September 11.

WHAT OF TOMORROW (\$1.50) by Dr. Theodore Schaap, pastor, Grace Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a Pulpit Book Club selection. The book contains 14 sermons on special days, evangelism and the Christian life. It is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Wiggins church climaxed a Youth Month by having a Youth Revival the week of July 29-August 3. A team from Mississippi College composed of L. C. Hoff of Crystal Springs, Inez Phillips of New Hebron, Margaret Martin of Tilla-

toba and Wallace McGill of Erin, Tennessee, who was a visitor in Wiggins. Each team member had a definite part in the services of the week and the young people have made important decisions as they caught a vision of the work to be done for the Lord.—Elizabeth Ann Batson.

Oswald J. Smith's Short Stories by Oswald J. Smith (\$1.50). Do you like to read stories with suspense, action and a vital gospel message? If so, here is a book which will delight you. This compilation of short stories will convince you that Dr. Smith is a master storyteller. In this collection he includes his most adventure-packed plots; the settings are unique; the characters are among the most interesting people you have ever met. Each story has a missionary emphasis which gives it added vitality and interest and impresses the reader anew with the power of God. Order from the publisher, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

Pastor Phil J. Walker of Mars Hill church, Amite county, was assisted the week of August 5-10 in their revival meeting by Dr. Hendon M. Harris of Clinton. Prior to the meeting there had been 36 additions in three months time. Twenty were added during the meeting. Sixteen came for baptism. This large country church has recently gone to full-time services for the first time in its history. This is the church from which the Godbalds, Hewitts, Kennas, Burris' and Walkers have come.—H. M. Harris.

Rev. Albert McClellan, of Waurika, Oklahoma, has been elected editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger to succeed Porter Routh, who goes to Nashville in September to become secretary for the Department of Survey and Statistics for the Southern Baptist Convention. The new editor of The Baptist Messenger is 32 years old, a graduate of O. B. U., and of Southwestern Seminary where he received his degree of Master of Theology in 1941. He is married and has two boys, Renick and Alan. We extend heartfelt good wishes to Oklahoma Baptists and their new editor.

Jericho church, Union County Association, H. G. West, pastor, is on the Glory Roll of the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign.

During 1944 the Disciples of Christ in the United States showed a loss of 52 churches. The total being 7,998. The membership is now 1,681,933, a gain of 2,921. They now have 7,939 Sunday schools, a loss of 34. The enrollment of the Sunday schools is 994,350, a loss of 8,842. Per capita gifts of church members were \$3.58. Per capita gifts for 1943 were \$3.28.

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Dr. C. L. McKay, formerly pastor at Van Winkle and Flora, has resigned Temple church, Ruston, Louisiana, and accepted Toulminville church, Mobile, Alabama. A recent issue of the Louisiana Baptist Message listed Temple church as third in gifts to outside causes. Dr. McKay not only leads his people to give but to win converts. There were 50 additions during July. During Dr. McKay's pastorate of two and one-half years the church budget has grown from \$8,000 to \$25,000.

Neighbor: Where is your brother, Freddie? **Freddie:** He's in the house playing a duet. I finished first.—Arcanum Bulletin.

Johnny: What was your sister angry with you about? **Willie:** She sent me to the drug store to get some cold cream, and I got ice cream. That was the coldest I could get.—Ex.

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Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

A MISSION CHURCH ORGANIZES A MISSION CHURCH State Mission Help in Church Building

In December 1937 at the meeting of the State Convention Board, there was an appropriation of \$50 per month made for the purpose of supplementing some mission work in the city of Greenville. This amount was matched by an agreement made by Priscilla Baptist Church, and the mission at Lamont, Bolivar county. A committee was appointed to secure the services of some preacher or couple who would undertake the work. After much prayer and consideration, feeling led by the Spirit of God, we accepted the work.

The possibility was simply stated to us that "here is a great need, and there are many prospects for enlistment, go to it." We went to work, knocking on doors, visiting with people and making known our intentions. On the night of March 17, 1938, we met in a home in a block where there were eleven houses: 12 parents, 35 children—16 of these were present in that first meeting. That number increased to 54 within a few weeks, and we moved out in front of the house on the lawn. At that point, we discussed the need for a lot and separate house to meet in—took our first offering toward that (\$2.78), named a building committee and set out to find a lot.

We continued to grow in numbers, and on the third of June, organized a Sunday school with 26 enrolled, followed with a worship hour, on which first morning the chairman of our board of deacons at present made a profession of faith in the Lord and wanted to be considered a candidate for baptism when we should effect a church organization.

Dr. P. I. Lipsey was present, along with a delegation from the First church, Greenville, and from the Priscilla Baptist Church, and the organization of the Tabernacle Baptist Church was a reality, July 24, 1938.

Growth continued to be the order and on September 29, 1941, ground-work was begun, the result of which is the present plant, valued at \$20,000.

During the construction of the brick veneer plant, a member of the church, a bricklayer, had two young men working for and with him laying brick. With the brickwork almost complete, one of the young men, Carter Knowles, Jr., who was not a Christian, was inducted into the army. After spending time in various camps, landed in camp at El Paso, Texas, started going to a nearby church and made a profession of faith, and entered its fellowship. Months passed and he went into the south Pacific. Among his campaigns came the Solomon Islands. He sent his mother a picture and asked her to show it to the writer. The picture was one of a church which he had built of native palms and grasses, not using a single nail, but tying it all together, and said, "Tell Bro. Eubanks and his wife that I learned the value of a church in a community when helping to build the Second Baptist Church, Greenville." For with

the new building complete we changed the name to Second, and it was no longer Tabernacle. "And that it was in my association with them, that I began to see the meaning of Christianity."

On May 1, 1944, one year in advance, the entire debt on the plant was paid, and before the month had passed, a group of Second church members at the request of the pastor, took a census of a section of the city on Old Leland road, and in a section two blocks wide and four blocks long, which comprised about one-fourth of the territory nearby. One hundred and forty-two names were tabulated, of which the parents in two families were Catholic, parents in two were Methodist, and one parent in one family was Church of Christ. The rest were Baptist or Baptist preference.

On the first Sunday in June, 1944, a Mission Sunday school was organized, with E. L. Williams, associate Sunday school superintendent at Second church serving as superintendent, which met at 2:30 Sunday afternoons, and from the beginning until the third Sunday in December, only one service was rained out, and that one of the Thursday evening prayer meetings, and during the time a Vacation Bible school and week's revival was held, and a church organized, under a big cottonwood tree.

A lot was found which was desired, and in securing contributions, John A. Stovall, sheriff of Washington county, bought and gave the lot to the church, which had been named Calvary. By the third Sunday in December we had erected a building and were in it for a week's meeting with E. D. Estes preaching.

On June 1, 1945, Rev. Carl Case entered upon his work as pastor of this church, with a Vacation Bible school and revival, well attended, the first week on the field, followed by a two weeks' Vacation Bible school at Second Baptist Church where he will work as assistant pastor.

At the time of the writing June 7, 1945, there has been a total membership in the Second Baptist Church of 472, with more than a third, 42% of them, on profession of faith, and Calvary Baptist Church, the mission of the Second church, with a present membership of 27.

The writer and wife claim only to have let the Lord have His way.

When Mississippi Baptists let the Lord lead out in a great State Mission program, which He has already formulated, we shall see Mississippi won wholly to the Lord.

The story has not yet been completed, the remainder lieth in this:

The Lord leads on.

—J. R. EUBANKS.

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MISS. COLLEGE PARAGRAPHS

The first Sunday in August was spent with the saints at Liberty. Rev. M. C. Waldrup, of the class of 1940, is full time pastor at Liberty, with full time work with county churches in the county. He is really doing the work of two preachers and doing it well. Brother Waldrup served faithfully as chaplain in the army until recent months. He is now getting ready to serve in an increasingly larger way in the challenging days of peace. May he have the physical strength to realize his worthy goal.

Carey E. Young, of the class of 1908, a friend of college days, met us in McComb and we had a refreshing and delightful visit with him throughout the day. He taught a large class of men at the Sunday School hour and presided at the preaching service with all the grace, dignity, and efficiency of a veteran. Brother Young is not only a leader in his church, but in the affairs of his county as well, being at present the tax assessor of Amite county.

John H. Parker, another leading member of the church at Liberty, spent the first two years of his college career in Mississippi College; but, because of circumstances beyond his control, transferred to another splendid institution, from which he was graduated. He says, however, that what he received at Mississippi College has shaped and colored his entire career and has furnished the chart and compass of his life. Brother Parker has served the people of Amite county as superintendent of education. He is now the efficient chancellor clerk of the county. He has agreed to act as county chairman in our Enlargement Program. The interests of our college will be well served in Amite county.

We had the pleasure of being entertained at a delightful luncheon in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin. Ray was graduated from Mississippi College in 1917. He is one of three boys from a splendid Methodist family, who claims Mississippi College as Alma Mater. Ray was coach, then superintendent, of some of our best Mississippi schools for a number of years. He is at present in charge of the Triple-A program of Amite county. Mrs. Martin was a Miss Turnipseed, which name is not un-

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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I walked down the church aisle and let it be known that the Lord had saved me.

I do remember the hymn they sang:

"Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night;

Into thy freedom, gladness, and light;

Jesus, I come to Thee."

The peace which came to me in the fence corner is in my heart until this day.—Robert G. Lee.

VII

A SUNDAY TRAGEDY

Sunday school is over. A door opens. An attractive young woman comes out carrying her Bible under her arm. . . . A little group of young girls is thronging around her. Affectionately they follow her down the street.

Another door opens. Another teacher comes out with Bible in hand. He is a middle-aged man. He is going home. So is his class of adolescent boys. Another comes out and still another; and their pupils are following them. The very teachers to whom the destinies of boys and girls have been entrusted, are leading them away from the worship of God's people at the Lord's appointed hour on the Lord's day. Unwittingly these teachers are leading the unsaved away from the Savior. The Sunday school teacher who, by his example leads boys and girls away from the worship service following the teaching period has done more harm by that act than he did good by teaching them the lesson during school.—Church Chimes.

familiar on the records of Mississippi and Hillman Colleges.

There was another Mississippi College man in the person of T. B. Oliver (1929) present at the service, taking a leading part. He was the song leader and choir director. This service was well rendered. The people sang in the spirit and with understanding. Brother Oliver also occupies a very useful place among the people of the county and is making a splendid contribution to their general welfare. Notice, if you will, that Mississippi College men are serving in all walks and that they do not neglect the church of their choice.

The second Sunday in August found us in Tylertown, speaking from the pulpit of dear Brother W. R. Cooper. He has suffered severe losses in recent years. First, his younger son, Collins, who left Mississippi College soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor and answered the call of country, paid the last full measure of devotion to that country and to the cause for which she stands. Soon thereafter the devoted and faithful companion, who had walked by his side through the years and had greatly contributed to the enrichment of his life and labors, was called home; but Brother Cooper, the faithful and obedient servant that he is, bravely and nobly carried on.

William Lowrey Cooper, the older son, who was graduated from the college in 1925 and who for a number of years has been a missionary to Argentina, had just left for his field of labor, after being home on a furlough for several months.

Brother Cooper had left with Brother E. J. Scott (M. C., 1902) an envelope addressed to the visitor. Opening it, there was a one thousand dollar check for the college to be used as a memorial endowment to Collins Cooper, whose life and college career were cut short by the tragedy of war. What he was unable to do, through this wise provision of a benevolent father, others will be able to do as the years come and go.

There are many splendid Mississippi College alumni and friends in Tylertown. All of them are worthily filling places of leadership. A number of the members of our present student body are from Tylertown and Walthall county. They are leaders in the best traditions of Mississippi College. May the tribe there, as elsewhere, continue to increase.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

ISAAC BECOMES ISRAEL Genesis 23 to 25

Introduction.

He went out from his home to Padan-Aram Jacob, and Jacob remained during all the years of his sojourn there. Snatcher, Trickster, Skillful Cheat, he waxed prosperous by the employment mainly of shady methods. He went out with nothing, "With my staff I passed over this Jordan" (Genesis 32:9), and now I have become two bands" (Ibid), but he was Jacob still, in spite of what he got.

Always the important question concerning any man is not, "What has he?" but "Who is he?" Jacob poor, Jacob prospering, Jacob rich, old Jacob still! A still more important question is, "What will he become?" "What may he become?" "Must Jacob remain Jacob?" If God gets no chance to change him, yes; if God gets a chance at him, No! But remember that only God can change the leopard's spots, can alter the disposition, can melt the heart of stone.

I. Jacob Before He Came to the Jabbok.

He was a man of clay mixed with gold, but the gold in the clay was good. He was a trickster, yes; but his trickery was to an ultimately good end. He could take the long look ahead. He could determine what he wanted seven years in the future, twenty-seven years in the future, and then do what was necessary in order to get it. He could and would do without his supper, trade it off for something he esteemed of greater worth, and himself go hungry to bed, in order to secure for himself the headship of his father's house upon his father's death, whether that took place in five years or in fifty. Given the prospect of the girl he loved or the wealth he desired, and he'd suffer himself to be drenched by rains and parched by the drought, to be burned by the desert sun or to be pinched by the biting frost. He was one of the great lovers of all time, and his love for his Rachel never wavered. He had a wholesome sense of awe in the presence of God. But in all this, he still was Jacob.

Without God the cause of this man is hopeless, for all his fine qualities. Given a chance, and God can and will wash the mire out of him and refine the gold in him that he shall become numbered among the great ones of all time.

II. Jacob at the Jabbok.

One may, I think, be very sure that this gold in the clay of the trickster's character did not escape the keen eye of the Great Assayist. In that gold were the makings of a prince with God. So He separated Jacob from all his earthly possessions and led him to the lonely brink of the Brook Jabbok, and it was night. Space would fail were I to attempt to tell of the emotions that probably troubled Jacob's heart as he stood alone that night by the brook and heard the mystic whisper of its waters. No doubt his past rose before him, made vivid by a quickened conscience, accusing him of double-dealing and crooked walking, and warning him of a likely reckoning when, on the mor-

row, he should have to meet the brother whom he had wronged so deeply as to evoke from him a vow of summary vengeance.

Small doubt he felt a need of God. God had no need of Jacob. God had Jacobs enough, has Jacobs enough without another added. But God did have need of the man He could make of Jacob, hence, the wrestler suddenly materializing before Jacob and grappling there with him in the darkness but wrestling after a fashion is Jacob's game. All his life he had been doing that after one fashion or another, but he had not before met this wrestler, had not felt about his lithe and wiry body the arms of a wrestler whose skill surpassed the human. Now, Sir Trickster, call all your wrestling tricks to your aid; you have need for them all, and many more, for you are pitted against the monster of all the tricks and tricksters. Did you but know it, Jacob Trickster, you are now at grips with One who is determined to crush the trickster out of you that He may fit you for His service. You will force Him to break you, to hurt you, that He may make you anew. You will not surrender without a struggle. You have matched your tricks against those of every person you have met and have never before bowed to a master. And so the contest goes on all night until at length your antagonist puts your thigh out of joint and you have ceased to struggle and are content to cling, and therein lies your victory, in being vanquished by the master. He will bless you in beating you into submission. You are now content to cling to God? To let Him have His way? To halt upon a disjointed thigh if that be His will for your after walk? Good! No longer are you trickster but a prince of power with God and men. You have followed the way of all men who before you or since have won with God.

III. Jacob After the Jabbok.

Trace his course after this event, and note the altered character of it. The Lord moved Esau to a peaceful and forgiving mind toward Jacob, so that he held his pace apart and greatly prospered. There are evidences all along of Jacob's native shrewdness, but always one is made to sense the altered attitude of the man, or rather, the presence of another, a new man in the place of the old. Of course the Lord God has use for men of consecrated common sense, of men of native wisdom sharpened and made bright by contact with the spirit of the eternal. The Lord has always been able to use the men with great ability who will dedicate that great ability.

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Wife: "Dear, I saw the sweetest little hat downtown today."

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This picture was taken on the occasion of Rev. Riley Munday's visit to Blue Mountain College. (Left to right), Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, student secretary; Rev. Riley Munday,

state B. S. U. secretary; Dorothy Lee Jefferson, Inverness, state B. S. U. president; Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tennessee, state B. S. U. reporter.

Pastor J. W. Sturdivant of Merigold writes that he has just closed a revival meeting with the Shady Oak church, E. G. Evans, pastor, Bolivar county. This is one of four new mission churches and interest was good. Two for baptism and one by letter. A building fund was started and money raised to put lights in the building and to make other improvements.

Rev. F. A. Lammus, Weir, reports a good meeting at Bolin church, Attala county. There were five conversions and several additions.

County Line, Attala county: Our pastor, Dr. William Potter of Carthage, preached during our summer revival services. There were 19 professions of faith, all as candidates for baptism; one

by letter and two surrendered for full time Christian service.—Reporter.

Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, for more than six years, will on September 1 assume the pastorate of the Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta. In these six years Dr. Ford has received nearly two thousand new members. One unit of a new building has been built and paid for, and the church has \$118,000 on hand with which to begin construction of a new plant. Dr. Ford succeeds Dr. K. O. White in the Atlanta church.

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THE W. M. U. WILL HAVE A GREAT "STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER" IN SEPTEMBER. PLAN FOR A GREAT "All-Church" State Mission Study and Offering in October.

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OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

(Continued from Page Four)

Foreign Mission Board is not generally known among the men of our churches. They will be inspired by the few following illustrations of the development of this phase of our denominational program.

The Foreign Mission Board started out in 1845, one hundred years ago, in a rear room of the old First Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. In 1890, the board moved to an old building at Eleventh and Main streets, and occupied three rooms which were then referred to as "spacious accommodations." What a step from those three rooms at Eleventh and Main to the beautiful, and really "spacious," building on Monument avenue, which the board recently acquired, and now occupies!

In 1890, fifty-five years ago, the personnel of the Foreign Mission Board consisted of four paid persons. Today, there are thirty-two.

The whole amount given by Southern Baptists from 1814 to 1845 for both home and foreign missions was \$212,000. During the succeeding thirty-five years, from 1845 to 1880, Southern Baptists gave \$973,000 to foreign missions alone.

During the first forty-five years, the today income of the Foreign Mission Board amounted to \$1,752,000, or an average of \$38,000 per year. In comparison, the income of the board last year (1944), from all sources, including relief, amounted to \$3,060,000. This means that the present budget expenditures each week are more than the average annual income for the first forty-five years.

At the April meeting of the board, thirty-eight new missionaries were appointed. In 1880, sixty-five years ago, there were only thirty-six missionaries on all fields. Thus, at one time this year, two more missionaries were appointed than were on all fields combined sixty-five years ago.

Men like to patronize a "going concern," so this statement of the phenomenal growth of our foreign mission work should certainly attract businessmen to an even larger support so that Southern Baptists will be in a financial position to take advantage of the unprecedented mission opportunities and needs that will confront us in postwar days.

The gates of the world will be open to the gospel. Southern Baptists must be in a position to enter with a vision and means for winning a world to Christ.—Lawson H. Cooke in Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal.

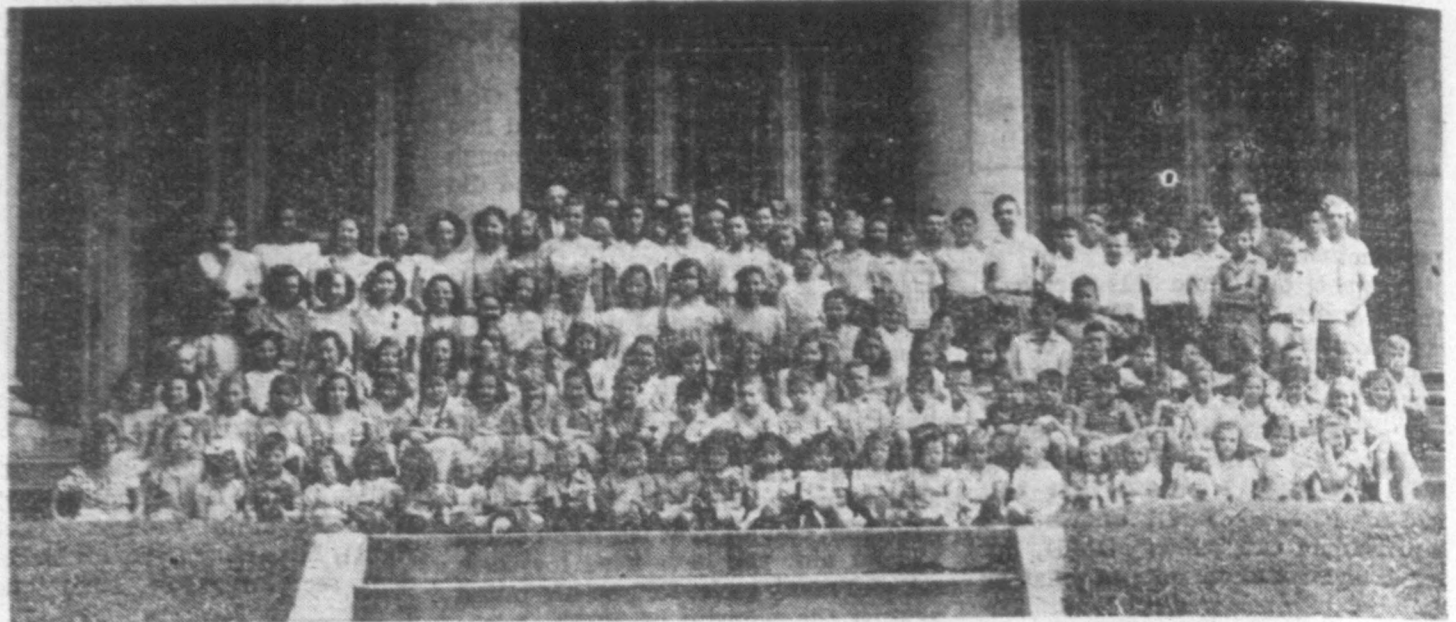
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THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS by

M. R. DeHann, M. D. (author of Chemistry of the Blood) is a new and timely study of our Lord's second coming. The keynote of the book is sounded in its opening sentence: "The darker the day, the brighter the blessed hope of the Christian shines." Are you a Christian? These messages will inspire you to lift up your head, "For your redemption draweth nigh." Are you unsaved? This volume will show you your desperate need and tell you how to prepare "to stand before the Son of man." Chapter headings are: I. He Is Coming Again; II. That Blessed Hope; III. When Jesus Comes; IV. The Mysteries of the Kingdom; V. The Antichrist; VI. Peace in a World of War. The price is \$1.50. Order from the publisher, the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

Shelby church, J. J. Burson, pastor, is on the Glory Roll of the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign.

CLARKSDALE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ENROLLS 192



Winona: The church has voted to establish a library, game and recreational room, to give \$10 per month for its maintenance. The sum of \$150 had been given for the establishment of this project.—C. B. Hamlett III, pastor.

Carmel Church, Lawrence Association: Dr. W. L. Holcombe of Forrest did the preaching in our revival. There were 18 additions. Sixty-nine were enrolled in the Bible School with an average attendance of sixty-three. The pastor, Rev. D. O. Horne, was principal of the school.—Reporter.

Terry: Our church has just finished a \$2,000 repair and renovation job. The new baptistry and the modernistic choir assembly room are the two outstanding features of the recent work. Our people are very proud of the church.—Thurman Booth, pastor.

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Texas Baptists Set Up Interracial Department

Dallas, Tex.—(RNS)—A special interracial department has been set up by the Baptist General Convention of Texas for the "most effective promotion of our work" among minority groups, who form 46 percent of Texas' population.

Dr. W. W. Melton, general secretary of the convention, who made the announcement, cited government statistics showing that of Texas' population of six-and-a-half million people, three million are of races other than white or are of foreign tongue.

The special committee, working under Dr. Melton's direction, will seek to accomplish its task "through the cultivation of racial understanding, the creation of Christian attitude among our people toward the people of other groups, and cooperation with them in the promotion of plans for winning, teaching and training their people."

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The professor of chemistry was giving a demonstration of the properties of various acids.

"Now," he said, "I am going to drop this two-shilling piece into this glass of acid. Will it dissolve?"

"No, sir," replied one of the students.

"No?" said the demonstrator. "Then perhaps you will explain to the class why it won't dissolve."

"Because," came the answer, "if it would you wouldn't drop it in."

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East Columbia: During the week of July 29 Evangelist B. S. Hilburn of Soso assisted Pastor L. R. Massey in our revival meeting. The music was directed by the Rev. Vaughn of Handsboro. There were eight additions.—Mrs. Robert Baggett, reporter.

Probably the best Vacation Bible School the Clarksdale Church has ever had was held this year with an enrollment of 192, and an average attendance of 153. Both the enrollment and attendance was almost double previous schools.

Miss Joyce Farmer, church music director, acted as principal, with the following helpers:

F. K. Horton, Pastor; Mary Ethel Griffin, Pianist and Assistant to Principal; Beginner Dept., Miss Lucille England, Supt., Helpers, Mrs. Turner Dunn, Mrs. W. H. Beck and Betty Kelly. Primary—Mrs. D. G. Holcomb, Spt., with Nora Jane Simmons, Charlotte Hancock, Mrs. M. J. Dunn, Mrs. H. E. Maynard, Mrs. G. F. Buile, and Mrs. Daniel Boyd. Junior Dept.—Nettie Mae Thomas, Supt., with Mrs. F. L. Stephenson, Mrs. J. B. Bullard, rs. R. V. Cobb, Mary Inez Robb, Mrs. William O. Morris, Mrs. Sue Etheridge Butler, Mrs. R. L. Dobyns. Intermediate—Mrs. L. B. P. Jenkins, Supt., with Mrs. F. K. Horton, Mrs. G. D. Commander, Ann Dobyns, Mrs. W. E. Gardner, Mrs. J. E. Burnette, and Mac England.

Our school cost the church practically nothing because of careful planning, budgeting, and individual donations. The school made an offering of \$15.69 to Home Missions, and gave our local building fund \$10.00.

Some outstanding features of our school were music and handwork. For the first week, had a class in First Aid for Juniors and Intermediates. For our handwork for the girls, instead of the usual sewing, we had courses in cooking and table service.

On the last day of the school we had a picnic for the entire enrollment, and closed with a commencement program that evening. The rating of the school was Grade "A".

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Belgian Pastor Uses Home Board Tract

By Joe W. Burton

A Belgian pastor of an evangelical mission is distributing a Home Mission Board evangelistic tract, "Plainly, How to Be Saved," by Roland Q. Leavell, according to Chaplain Garland R. Pendergraph.

In a letter to Dr. Leavell, Chaplain Pendergraph stated that the Belgian pastor requested some evangelistic tracts. Copies of Dr. Leavell's tract were given to him.

Later the chaplain noted that the pastor was distributing copies printed in English to American soldiers and copies in his own tongue to the people of his town.

This evangelical mission was started

Church Music Should Be Worshipful

By Jack Perkins

Worship is a peculiar function of the Christian church. It is a high level of experience for the individual. It is alternately looking at God and reacting to the sight of God. It is praise and adoration.

Music in the church should be of a kind that suits the definition of worship. I want here to suggest two objectional factors that should be guarded against in selecting music for the average worship service.

First, it should be void of too much excitement. Music that is loud, fast and well cadenced is almost invariably exciting. It has a peculiar effect upon the individual. It causes an increased heat over the surface of the body. It causes a tightening of the muscles, a faster and stronger heart beat and more rapid breathing. This total experience sums up to an almost agonizing suspense and the individual finds himself looking for something to relieve the tension. In music of this type there is no ethical purpose. It calls for no moral judgment. Harmony is negligible. Rhythm, tempo and volume are the essentials. Where rhythm and tempo predominate, thoughts and feelings that are high and lofty are subordinated and no appeal to the intelligent judgment of man is made.

Second, it should not be cheapened by sentimentality. We would not say void of sentiment because sentiment cannot be completely divorced from emotionalism which in turn cannot be divorced from worship. But sentimentality is one of the cheapest outlets of emotional energy. Too much sentiment prevents genuine compassion. It stands in the way of conviction. It is a substitute for action.

Personally, I would not condemn the latter type of music for a special gathering and aged saints—rather I would commend it. It has a tendency to soothe and to comfort. There is no need for a song of militant courage with a group like this. But the average church service where the larger percent of the congregation is made up of children, young people, and middle-aged men and women, I would suggest songs that appeal to courage, service, adoration, righteousness and indignation against wrong.

during World War I, according to Chaplain Pendergraph.

"It is very Baptist," he adds.

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This copy for The Baptist Record is written about eight p. m. August 14, in the Jackson office. Much blowing of horns, sirens, the ringing of bells, the beating of pans, the yelling of the young people, and a great parade up and down Capital street are going on as we rejoice in the victory we believe our God has given us. This may be a fitting way to celebrate, and we do not condemn it, but many at the same time are praising His name and giving Him thanks for His continued favor. May the peace be ever lasting, and may America, especially her Christian population, prove worthy of this victory He has allowed us to gain.

You will be interested to know:

That radio broadcasts with special emphasis on Intermediate work are being arranged for September 9 and 16. Many of our churches will want to have a radio party for these broadcasts. The time will be announced later. No doubt they will be at the regular Baptist Hour, 7:30 a. m. Plan to have a breakfast together those mornings. Start the week off in this way and follow through with a good interesting program of activities for these young people.

That this is the **GOLDEN Anniversary** of Baptist Training Union work in Mississippi. Yes, fifty years ago the first B. Y. P. U. that we have any record of, was organized in Winona by Mr. Arthur Flake. Mr. Flake, now past his eightieth year, still lives. His home is in Memphis, Tenn. He was also largely responsible for the organization of our statewide B. Y. P. U. work. He helped to get the first convention arranged, and he was elected as the secretary of that first convention, Mr. L. P. Leavell becoming the first president. Interesting! We have more to say about our golden anniversary later on.

That we plan to have our State Training Union Convention this year. The time will be Friday, December 28. A one-day meeting in Jackson. Here we will have our finals in the four contests. Those who won in the associations this year (we did not have the district conventions) will be eligible to come to the state convention. The Story Hour children and the Juniors will simply be giving us a helpful demonstration as we will not select state winners in these two groups, but the contest for Intermediates and Young People will decide which of these will represent Mississippi at Ridgecrest next year. The young lady who has the highest score in the Better Speakers Tournament will receive a \$100 scholarship from Blue Mountain College.

That December 7 will be the date for the Southwide Simultaneous Associational Rally. Friday following the first Sunday in December has been set as a permanent day for this annual affair. Please make a red circle around that date (Dec. 7) and plan to help your association make this the greatest meeting ever held in the association.

That we have a State Mission Study Course Book. Our directors have just received a letter about this. We want every union in the state to have a study course within the next two

months, using this book as the text. Free copies will be furnished by the State Board to all unions teaching it.

That in July and August the Training Union Department served sixty (60) churches in sixteen (16) associations. Study courses were taught, new unions organized (Vacation Bible schools were conducted as an extra service), a few conversions were reported, and the work in general was toned up.

That we are losing one of our workers. Miss Nella Dean Mitchell, who for more than a year now has done excellent work, first as an office secretary, and since January 1 as one of our field workers, serving in every section of the state with efficiency and favor, leaves us September 1 to enter the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky. Our prayers and good wishes will accompany her. We rejoice that she has this additional training for her life's work.

That a rural church led all the churches in the state in Training Union attendance Sunday, August 12. Ellison Ridge, a full time church in Winston county reports an attendance of 325 on that evening. No, it wasn't that! It was just deep interest brought about by leadership that believes a church without a GOOD Training Union, is a lame, limping, lagging, lion. Yes, a lion, it has conquering qualities, but unable to be its best unless all faculties are functioning.

Calvary Jackson had 72 in its Officers Council two weeks ago (its August meeting). There were four general officers, nine adults, 18 young people, nine intermediates, 22 juniors, six story hours and four visitors. Supper was served at 6:30, which is the regular schedule. During the meal the director made his announcements, the pastor brought a brief message, and a visitor brought an encouraging word. The unions then went to their regular meeting places and there planned their work for the coming month. 'Twas a good sight to see this many leaders and officers come together for such a planning meeting. Congratulations to Pastor Bowen and Director Cooper.

Rev. J. D. Thompson of Booneville was the guest preacher during our revival at Toccoola. We had a good meeting.—R. L. Ray, Jr., pastor.

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Report Forms

We want to thank the brethren from all parts of the state who filled out the report forms recently mailed out to the pastors from the Brotherhood department. The purpose of these forms was to obtain the latest information on Brotherhood organizations within the state, to learn what pastors and churches might be interested in organizing Brotherhoods, and to get correct information on churches and pastors. Obviously, all this information is very important to the Brotherhood department in order that it may render the best possible service to the Baptist cause in the state.

Not all the information received on the returned forms has been tabulated. However, we are sure that only a small proportion of the forms mailed out has been returned. We hope that the busy pastors, who have been engaged in a strenuous schedule of revival meetings, or who have been away for some weeks on vacations, will fish out that report form, fill it out (in five minutes time), and send it on to our office. Only by means of these reports can we have a correct and complete mailing list. We are especially eager to get a report on every functioning Brotherhood organization in the state.

Some Desire Meetings

One great value of information received on the forms we did get back was that we learned of many pastors who were ready to have meetings of their men looking toward the organization of Brotherhoods as soon as it seemed advisable. The secretary is anxious to attend as many of these meetings as possible, although he does

not want to delay any such meeting because of not being able to give an early date for a visit. He does earnestly desire the privilege of going to any part of the state, at any time that can be arranged, to be of any possible service in the beginnings of a new organization. Much of the future success of any Brotherhood depends on its "getting off on the right foot."

Write for Literature

We want all our people to be reminded that we have very valuable free literature ready to distribute upon request. We furnish up to five copies of the little booklet "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood," up to five copies of the Brotherhood "Journal," and as many copies of the tract "Answers to Your Questions" as may be desired. It would be an excellent thing for all pastors not already familiar with Brotherhood work to order these items of free literature for themselves and a few selected laymen and to read them and have them read by their men before organization time.

Fall Meetings

Plans are going forward for the District Brotherhood meetings in November. Arrangements are almost complete for meeting places and programs. These will be given full publicity in the Record as soon as they are complete.

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Mary had been promoted to the third grade. Meeting the second grade teacher, whom she had liked very much, she said, "Gee, Miss Katie, I wish you were smart enough to teach me this year, too!"—Alma Ruth Cobble in The Progressive Farmer.

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Promotion Day

Boys and girls look forward to promotion because they go to new faces, new voices, new walls and a new atmosphere. Many teachers look forward to promotion because they see in it a possibility to replace a disinterested and unruly class. Others see in it a possibility to replenish a class that has wasted away. There are some who look forward to a new opportunity and a new challenge to greater and more consecrated service. To a few it is a break in the program that affords them an opportunity to slip out and find repose in some class where they can "be trained" for greater service.

Pupil-Teacher-Church

To the individual pupil promotion should hold the romance of the future. It brings the pupil into new relationships, new possibilities, new opportunities, and face to face with a new challenge. It is indeed a day of adventure for the pupil.

To the individual teacher or leader, it should hold all the promises and challenge of a new day. The teacher that has failed in the realization of an ideal has once more an even start. The teacher that has tried hard but did not make the grade has once more a new trial. The teacher or leader that has blundered because of indifference or lack of study has another chance to make good. It is beyond doubt a day of opportunity for the teacher.

Promotion to the church should mean a step forward in the march to victory. It should mean another cog in the forward turn of the wheel toward a finished product. It should mean all this and more: It should mean added strength and coordination to the organized efforts of the church—efforts toward a deeper and more wholesome respect for all that the church is seeking to do through a great program of Bible teaching to all ages of people. The church is the whole of which the various units of work are only parts. To this end the regular promotion of pupils of all ages from class to class and from department to department should be most carefully and definitely planned for each Promotion Day, which is the last Sunday in September each year.

That time is now near. Therefore, our leaders of Sunday schools should be sure to include in their plans for September a great program for Promotion Day on Sunday, September 30. No school can do its best work if it is not properly organized and thoroughly graded. The regular and proper observance of Promotion Day each year will greatly help in keeping the school well graded.

We Are Grateful

We are most grateful for this fine statement with reference to one of our special summer workers: "I must tell you that we are exceedingly well pleased with her work. Everywhere she goes there is nothing but a lot of praise for her work. In our county executive board meeting we took up this matter and the board voted unanimously a resolution of appreciation to her for the splendid work she is doing in our county."

It is always our earnest desire to

select workers who are not only qualified mentally but also spiritually for this great work of promoting Sunday schools and Vacation Bible schools. They have certainly given an excellent account of themselves in every way.

Mr. Harrell's Visit

About three weeks ago we had with us in Mississippi Mr. W. A. Harrell, secretary of the Department of Church Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board. We made a tour of five days into various sections of the state and had the opportunity of meeting with a number of pastors and building committees.

We were most pleased with the fact that these people are so interested in getting the best in the way of church buildings. They want the space to be properly arranged and allocated so that each of the departments of work will be adequately provided for. This is so important, because we will not carry our program and organization beyond the provision we make for the space. There must be ample room with which to promote and hold permanently any increase that we may expect to have.

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MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- August 27—Cole Milling, Sunflower County Convention Board Member.
- August 28—Rev. W. S. Allen, Sunday School Superintendent Gulf Coast Association.
- August 29—A. R. Tillman, Sunday School Superintendent Hinds-Warren Association.
- August 30—Rev. S. P. Powell, Pearl River County Convention Board Member.
- August 31—Mrs. J. M. Robertson, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 3.
- September 1—Rev. D. T. Cranford, Tallahatchie County Convention Board Member.
- September 2—Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Young People's Counsellor for W. M. U. District 1.

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Dr. W. E. Green of Clarke College preached during the revival at Harmony church, Clarke county. It was a high hour for the church on Thursday night of the meeting when Lynn Hearn gave his life for the preaching of the gospel.—L. B. Simmons.

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Coming to Jackson—Rev. Herman Milner, pastor at Star, D'Lo and other nearby churches, has accepted the pastorate of Van Winkle church, Jackson. He succeeds Rev. Robert S. Crawford, who recently resigned in order to complete his theological training at Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Rev. Milner is one of Mississippi's most popular and energetic young ministers.

Editor's Note: Heretofore Herman Milner has usually led churches to adopt *The Baptist Record* EVERY FAMILY Plan. Van Winkle has had it since its organization.

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Writer Says 'Tithing Pays'

For the last ten years we have had more sickness and medical bills than we could pay. Our bill was so much we still today have a doctor's bill we haven't met yet. We couldn't understand why we had so much sickness until September 1944.

We were in a revival and the preaching was done by the Nix brothers. We met our Lord and found that the Lord collects His tithes.

Then in February 1945 a stewardship revival was held by Rev. Hilbun. We started paying ten per cent of our earnings to carry on the Lord's work. Our doctor's bills have stopped and the Lord has wonderfully blessed our

One Third Baptist Hospital Patients Are Catholics

By Louis J. Bristow

During the first six months of 1945 more than twelve thousand patients were admitted into the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans; 1,171 babies were born, and 2,397 persons were given emergency service for accidents, etc., who were not hospitalized. Three hundred and eighty-two persons were given free service—a Baptist contribution of benevolence.

More than one-third of all patients were Roman Catholic, a little more than one-in-ten were Baptists, and the others represented fifteen different Protestant bodies, Jews, etc. Thus the services of this house of healing reaches persons of all creeds and classes. Its missionary value is both direct and indirect: for it was established as a missionary agency.

Missionaries of the Foreign and Home Boards were guest patients during the period; and all the young women from the Emergency Home for unmarried mothers were hospitalized free of cost. Pastors, wives and widows of pastors, other denominational workers and those sent by churches were given free service. Thus this hospital fulfills its mission as a denominational agency of service. The free work cost the hospital forty thousand dollars—a direct gift of benevolence. There is no debt and the hospital is now in the closing months of 20 years of service.

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Dr. B. Frank Smith of Magnolia was the evangelist in the revival at Pleasant Ridge church, Attala Association. There were 14 additions. Mrs. Lee Bailey served as pianist. The pastor is Rev. F. A. Lummus. Our church is 108 years old. We have a good Sunday school, Training Union and the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.—W. W. Cain, reporter.

family with health. We have five boys and we thank the Lord each night in our family prayer meeting for them and the many blessings He has seen fit to bless us with.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rose, Members Pecan Grove Church. S. E. Nix, pastor.

NEEDED ... another residence hall at BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE. The Demand for admission for the 1945-1946 session by young women is so great that more than one hundred choice girls must be turned away due to lack of dormitory space.

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Lawrence T. Lowrey, President
Blue Mountain College



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If I Were A Pastor

By a Lay Member

I am sure that some who read this will say that I do not know half of the preacher's lot. Or that I am just down on preachers, but not so, as I lived eighteen years in a pastor's home and I know that their lot is not an easy one.

All my pastors have been men whom I loved and respected. My present pastor is one of the very best and is doing a great work.

If I were a pastor I might not do any of these things; certainly not all of them, but I am writing from a layman's viewpoint.

During our Centennial Year many of our pastors will be called upon to lead in revival meetings, so:

First, if I were a pastor I would not accept too many calls, which would necessitate my being away from my church. One exception would be mission work near by. If your town, pastor, isn't very different from most towns, and if your Sunday school isn't unlike most Sunday schools, there will be plenty of lost people at home who need the gospel. Sometimes we see the need away off and fail to see those close by.

Second, if I were a pastor I would consistently and patiently try to win to Christ those of my own church, who through their lives prove that they have never been converted. If I had the assurance from them that they were really saved I would try to win them to victorious Christian living.

Third, if I were a pastor I would have a systematic program of visitation. The only way really to know people is by visiting them in their homes. Therefore I would visit the lowliest as well as the highest. One successful pastor told me that his secret of success as a pastor was his visiting. He isn't a great preacher, but the people love him because he visits them. They go to hear him preach.

Fourth, I would read all I could and keep myself posted on current events, but I would not do this to the neglect of my church work.

Fifth, I would not be envious of my brother pastors who were seemingly more successful than I, but I would stay on the field and not be changing churches every time a call came. If I were pastor of a country church, I would throw everything into the work, building up the living conditions as well as the spiritual. I would not feel that I was practising on them in order to get a larger church. Our country churches need good preachers as well as town and city ones and I'd glory in my work as a country preacher.

Sixth, I would be interested in all phases of Young People's work. I would enter into their activities. I would utilize them as much as I could by using the boys as ushers at the night services and by letting those who could get out the bulletin. Their church would mean more to them if they felt that they were having a definite responsibility. They could keep up the Service Roll. I would lead my deacons and other members into sponsoring a wholesome church-centered recreation program.

Seventh, I would never perform a marriage between divorced couples. I would not accept money for funerals. If I had to go long distances, I would

'Help Those Students'

By Malcolm Fuller, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Montevallo, Alabama

Some of the choicest youth from almost every community will be leaving soon to enter college. Pastors, teachers, and others interested in our young people, please make your plans to help these students to get off on the right foot, spiritually speaking. Yes, you can be of real help.

Arrange a group conference with all those going from your church to any school. Express your sincere pride and prayerful interest in them. Give them the best counsel of which you are capable. Familiarize yourself with the pastors and student secretaries and B. S. U. generally in the college centers. Encourage the students to make them their intimate friends as soon as possible after arriving. (That you might have this list of pastors and student secretaries and their addresses, we are suggesting that the state student secretary have such a list published in his state Baptist paper in the near future.)

Urge Transfer of Membership

One of the most important suggestions you can make to these young people is that they transfer their membership to the college church. If you are not aware of the advantage of this, let me share with you the results of a survey that we conducted at Alabama College last year. We studied the comparative activity of the students who did and those who did not bring their letters and join our church. The following table gives a brief summary of the results:

	Affiliated	Unaffiliated
No. of students on		
October 1	103 (89.3%)	139 (41%)
Enlisted in at least one unit-organization*	91 (89.3%)	57 (41%)
Enlisted in all unit organizations	58%	5%
Pledging to local church	80%	20%
Holding office in church or B.S.U. organizations	77	12
No. enlisted in unit organizations at close of school	94%	66.6%
*Unit organizations included Sunday school, Baptist Training Union, and Y. W. A.		

You may ask, "Were not the affiliated students the ones who were expected my transportation paid, but nothing else. I would be careful what I said about the person for whom I was conducting the services. I sat through a funeral once and the preacher preached the departed right into heaven. I found out later that he had been stricken while under the influence of liquor and that he was often drunk.

Eighth, I would teach a Sunday school class if necessary; otherwise, I would sit in on different classes and know first hand what my teachers were teaching. I would organize a class in soul-winning and keep it active.

Last, but not least, I would not accept places of responsibility, no matter how attractive, that would take my time and thought away from the center and life of my work which is MY CHURCH.

tive back home? Do not students continue in about the same degree of activity at college as in the home church? Did the transfer of membership really have any bearing on their activity?"

Investigation showed that activity in the home church was not the determining factor in the students' transferring their membership. Many girls who were active in the home church did not affiliate with us. We learned that most of them decided to join the college church because their pastor or other interested friends suggested it, or because of the precedent set by students from their community in past years.

Study this illustration. One church had eight girls in Alabama College. Their pastor did not encourage them to transfer their membership. Though six were quite active back home, only one joined our church. She became one of the most active and outstanding students we had. We were never able to enlist either of the others in any unit organization. Another church had seven girls in our school. The pastor encouraged them to affiliate with us. Six of these were active in their home church, and all six transferred their membership. Five were enlisted in at least one unit organization.

The survey clearly indicated that the student who joins the local church will be more quickly and fully enlisted. He will be more loyal to the church, and thus find greater opportunity for service. If he does not affiliate the chances are that he will become less useful in the service of our Lord. Yes, if the student wants to live the maximum Christian life at college, it is almost necessary for him to unite with the college church.

Write the College Pastor

Another very helpful thing that you can do is to write the pastor or student secretary at the college church; giving all the information possible about the activities of the students in your church and community. This will make it possible for them to be placed quickly and properly in the religious activities of the church and school.

You may form a wholesome connection between the student and the home church after he has transferred his membership by an occasional letter, encouraging him to maintain his spiritual life. We all like to know that people are interested in us. Your interest can be demonstrated further by recognizing and utilizing the students when they are visiting back home. You will not want to miss the opportunity to have them conduct a special Student Night program at Christmas. Suggestions for this service may be had from the Baptist Student Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

One final suggestion. Why not invest a dollar in each of the students from your church in sending a complimentary copy of The Baptist Student, our finest periodical for college youth (and now it is to have special features of interest to high school students). To have this magazine coming regularly from you will be a constant reminder of your interest, and will be a real blessing to the one receiving it. Send your subscriptions to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and they will send it directly to the student each month.

By all means, help those students! It will pay great dividends, and will

God Reveals Himself In The Universe

The Revelation, highest, fullest, best, is the self-unveiling of deity in the cosmos, the revealing of attribute after attribute, power after power, beauty after beauty, in all their various forms which in their totality compose the universe.

He shows His splendor in the sun, His infinity in the star-flecked fields of space. His strength in mountains, His purity in snow-clad peaks and translucent air, His energy in rolling ocean-billows, His beauty in tumbling mountain-torrent, in smooth, clear lake, in cool, deep forest and in sunlit plain, His fearlessness in the hero, His patience in the saint, His tenderness in mother-love, His protecting care in father and in king, His wisdom in the philosopher, His knowledge in the scientist, His healing power in the physician, His justice in the judge, His wealth in the merchant, His teaching power in the preacher, His industry in the artisan.

He whispers to us in the breeze, He smiles on us in the sunshine, He chides us in disease, He stimulates us, now by success and now by failure. Everywhere and in every thing He gives us glimpses of Himself to lure us on to love Him, and He hides Himself that we may learn to stand alone. To know Him everywhere is the true wisdom; to love Him everywhere is the true desire; to serve Him everywhere is the true action. This self-revealing of God is the highest revelation; all others are subsidiary and partial.—A. B.

JONES ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT EMERITUS AT HARMONY CHURCH

Inasmuch as Brother J. P. Jones has given twenty-two years of faithful, loyal, untiring and consecrated service to his Lord and his fellowmen as superintendent of the Sunday school of Harmony church, Clarke county, and his life and example have been such a positive force for good to all the people of the community, now owing to failing health, he is forced to resign this position. Therefore be it resolved:

First, that Harmony church thank him and our heavenly Father for the splendid work he has done.

Second, that we make him Superintendent Emeritus of Harmony Baptist Sunday school.

Third, that we pray to our heavenly Father if it be His will that Brother Jones be restored to his health.

Fourth, that one copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Jones, one copy to the county paper, a copy to The Baptist Record and one copy spread on the minutes of Harmony Baptist Church.

Read and adopted this the twenty-second day of July, 1945, by the church in conference:

Signed: MISS ESSIE McLEOD,
MRS. GUY SCOTT,
MRS. DAVE SINCLAIR,
MRS. L. B. SIMMONS,
Committee.

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CHURCH AFFILIATIONS

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and Presbyterians are tied for third place, each having exactly 20 members.

These four denominations account for 129, or 83 percent, of the total. Others listed are Christian 12, Catholic 7, Lutheran 3, Church of Christ 2, Universalist 1, and only two with no preference.

I believe that this establishes the South's claim to distinction as having a greater interest in church life than any other section in the country. It also reflects less diversity in denominational ties. Only four church groups have substantial representation and only nine have any representation at all in the Southern states, but a similar study made last year for the whole Congress reflects membership scattered among fifteen national church bodies.

In the delegations Baptists lead in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Texas. The Methodists lead in Virginia, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. The Episcopal group has the advantage in Maryland and ties with the Catholic (four each) in Louisiana. The Christian Church leads in Oklahoma and ties with the Presbyterians in Kentucky.

In only one state are Methodists and Baptists missing—Maryland. The Episcopalians are unrepresented in five of the states, but the Presbyterians have at least one member in all of the states except Arkansas and Louisiana. The Presbyterian "bloc" is evenly distributed through the region as are the Baptists, although the latter are favored in the Southwest.

There is significance in the presence in larger numbers of Christian Church members from Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas and of Episcopalians from the East in as much larger proportion than the size of their membership would indicate. Half of the Episcopalians in Congress are from Maryland and Virginia.

The Episcopalians, for example, have three Congressmen from Virginia, yet their state membership totals only 49,843 while the Virginia Baptists with only two Congressmen number 439,000 members. Unquestionably the tradition of political service among the Episcopalians of that historic state has had a great influence.

This provides a contrast to our own state (Arkansas) where Baptists have five of the nine members, the other four being divided equally between the Christians and Methodists.

The percentage of Baptists and Methodists from the Southern states is much greater than from other sections. The Catholic representation in the House and Senate of about 95 is obviously much greater in other sections.

In the general population Baptists predominate in every Southern state except Louisiana where the Catholics lead and in Maryland where Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, and Episcopal constituencies outnumber them. The Methodists are second in every state except Louisiana and Texas where they slip into third place to make way for the Baptists and Catholics.

As a Baptist I am proud of the splendid record of many members of the denomination in both Houses of Congress. Yet they came to Congress not as Baptists but as individuals devoted to our institutions. We can rightfully claim to have influenced political and social thinking, but that influence has flowed into the total life

Pastor E. S. Hall did the preaching in our revival at Pleasant Ridge Church, Union County. There were 33 additions, 28 of whom were for baptism.—C. A. Smith, reporter.

As a result of a series of religious movies in the Charleston Church during the summer months the church will soon adopt a Visual Education Program.—David T. Cranford, pastor.

New Hope Church, Oktibbeha County: Pastor C. S. Mullens was assisted in the revival by Rev. C. E. Snowden. There were six additions.

There were 12 additions during the revival at Bethel Church, Sunflower County. The preaching was done by Pastor L. F. Fowler.—Mrs. E. T. Hawkins, reporter.

Rev. W. A. Hogan of Decatur assisted Pastor J. L. Courson in the revival meeting at New Prospect Church, Lafayette County. There were 23 additions.

of the region and the nation, and credit for it must be shared with other church groups. I believe that this Congress has demonstrated a stronger interest in religion and its place in the nation's life than any that has assembled in many years.

The following compilation shows the church affiliation by states. Both Senators and Representatives are included:

Alabama—Methodist 7, Baptist 3, Presbyterian 1.
Arkansas—Baptist 5, Methodist 2, Christian 2.
Florida—Methodist 4, Baptist 2, Presbyterian 2.
Georgia—Methodist 7, Baptist 3, Presbyterian 1, no preference 1.
Kentucky—Presbyterian 3, Christian 3, Baptist 2, Episcopal 2, Methodist 1.
Louisiana—Catholic 4, Episcopal 4, Baptist 1, Methodist 1.
Maryland—Episcopal 5, Catholic 2, Presbyterian 1.
Mississippi—Methodist 4, Baptist 4, Presbyterian 1.
North Carolina—Baptist 5, Methodist 4, Presbyterian 3, Episcopal 1, Lutheran 1.
Oklahoma—Christian 4, Methodist 2, Baptist 1, Presbyterian 1, Episcopal 1, Church of Christ 1.
South Carolina—Baptist 3, Episcopal 2, Methodist 1, Presbyterian 1, Lutheran 1.
Tennessee—Baptist 5, Methodist 3, Presbyterian 3, Episcopal 1.
Texas—Baptist 8, Methodist 5, Christian 3, Universalist 1, Catholic 1, Lutheran 1, Church of Christ 1, Episcopal 1, Presbyterian 1, no preference 1.
Virginia—Methodist 4, Episcopal 3, Baptist 2, Presbyterian 2.
Total—Methodist 45, Baptist 44, Presbyterian 20, Episcopal 20, Christian Catholic 7, Lutheran 3, Church of Christ 2, No Preference 2, Universalist 1.

Religious Affiliations of Congressmen (For Entire Nation) (House and Senate—1943-44)

Religious Affiliation	No.	Percent
Roman Catholic	97	18
Protestant	380	71
Methodist	93	18
Presbyterian	69	13
Baptist	60	11
Episcopalian	57	11
Lutheran	18	3
Disciples	17	3
Congregational	21	4
Unitarian	7	1
Universalist	3	1
Reformed	1	0
Evangelical	1	0
Moravian	1	0
Quaker	1	0
Not Specified	3	6
Jewish	7	1
Christian Science	3	1
Latter-Day Saints	4	1
No religious affiliation	8	2
Unknown	30	6
Total	531	100

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

August 19, 1945

	S. S.	B. T. U.
Wellman	80	80
Houlka, Chickasaw County	71	42
Bruce	165	40
Olive Branch	96	—
Pleasant Ridge, Union County	101	—
Jackson, Calvary	888	242
Vicksburg, First	446	127
West Laurel	367	115
New Albany, First	428	188
Jackson, Griffith	124	128
Ackerman	120	—
Winona, First	212	44
Carmel, Lawrence County	95	95
Enon, Panola County	51	87
Cross Roads, Webster County	64	—
Louisville	341	72
Agricola	86	68
Jackson, First	830	229
Ellistown	138	91
Rocky Creek, George County	108	63
Wallerville	53	54
Corinth, Pearl River County	54	39
Dixie, Lebanon Association	49	65
Magee's Creek, Walthall County	76	88
Beaumont	96	42
Centreville	159	53
New Augusta	59	22
Natchez, Westside	123	68
Brookhaven, First	430	94
Summit	169	101
Friendship, Jackson County	53	97
Pearlhaven	131	55
Linn, Sunflower County	134	83
Friendship, Lincoln County	88	—
Leakesville	104	43
Daniel	116	44
August 12, 1945.		
Magee's Creek, Walthall County	65	76
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Clarksdale: One of the highlights in the social life of our church this year was a formal banquet given by the Y. W. A. The planning, decorating and cooking was done by Y. W. A. girls. The decorations on the tables carried out the motif of "pirates." The centerpiece of the head table was a replica of an island, with treasure chest of gold and jewels. Honor guests were: Dr. and Mrs. F. K. Horton, Mrs. R. L. Dobyns, Riverside Young People's Leader, Mrs. J. E. Burnette, W. M. S. President, Mrs. Margaret O'Bannon, Mission Teacher and Gerald Commander, husband of our Counsellor. Dr. Horton made a very interesting talk on "Wills".

CORRECTION: The Lafayette County Association meets Tuesday, September 4th, instead of the date as recently published, September 7th. This is according to Brother B. W. Jones, moderator of Lafayette Association.

First Baptist Church of Winona is not suffering from a manpower shortage in its choir. We average more than 10 men per Sunday in our choir. On Father's Day we had a choir of 20 men.

In the nine week period from May 20th to July 15th the First Baptist Church of Winona observed the ordinance of Baptism four times and in that period baptized 53.

Pastor D. L. Hill of Corinth, First church, assisted Dr. J. D. Thompson in the revival services at Booneville in June. The singing was under the direction of Rev. E. C. Edwards of Baldwin. Brother Edwards worked in the afternoons with the young people. There were a number of additions.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

PROVIDENCE (YAZOO COUNTY)

We preached during the annual revival at Providence church, Yazoo county. Rev. H. Grady Wilkes is pastor and his wife is a good assistant pastor. Attendance grew from the beginning. There were four additions.

Instead of two services twice a month, Pastor Wilkes preaches once each Sunday.

Record readers in Yazoo county are now listed as follows: ANDING 20, BENTONIA 45, BETHLEHEM 40, BLACK JACK 65, CONCORD 29, EDEN 26, HEBRON 46, LIVERPOOL 18, Melrose 4, OAK GROVE 20, OGDEN 35, OIL CITY 55, PROVIDENCE 17, Rock Springs 10, Satartia 4, Short Creek 19, YAZOO CITY FIRST 178, CENTER RIDGE 20.

YAZOO CITY

First church, Yazoo City, and Dr. Webb Brame, pastor, continue to make progress. The attendance at all services continues good. Rev. George Jenkins, son of Pastor G. S. Jenkins of Lucedale, and a student at the Southern Baptist Seminary is serving as assistant pastor during the summer months.

In an effort to cool the air, but not the spiritual ardor of the people, attic fans have been installed.

All organizations are making progress. Organization leaders are: Sunday school superintendent, R. J. Koonce; Training Union, John Watson, and W. M. U., Mrs. A. B. Kelly.

—BR—
A mountain man who rarely, if ever, visited a town of any size, drove into a western city with his son, traveling in a decrepit car. Climbing out of the car on one of the main streets, the old man appeared fascinated by the pavement. He scraped his feet on the hard surface, and turning to his son, remarked: "Wall, I don't blame 'em for building a town here. The ground is too hard to plough, anyhow."—The Baptist Observer.

GIL DODDS, THE FLYING PARSON

(\$1.25) by Mel Larson, associate editor, The Evangelical Beacon is a prize-winning story of America's prize-winning athlete who has captured the hearts and minds of American youth as few have ever done. No writer is better qualified than Mel Larson to present this vivid portrait of the world-famous champion. For three years he covered track, football, golf, baseball, hockey and other sports at the University of Minnesota for the "Minneapolis Morning Tribune," at the same time being Minnesota correspondent for the "Chicago Sun." Later he became personally and intimately acquainted with the "flying parson," and has been deeply impressed not only by his phenomenal achievements but by his humble and Christ-like spirit. The style of the book is fast-moving, forthright, vivid, perfectly adapted to the telling of the story of the young divinity student who won the coveted Sullivan Award for being "the athlete who had done most for sports in 1943," and who, at the end of 1944 was adjudged the world's outstanding track athlete. Every boy should read this book. Order from the publisher, The Evangelical Beacon, or from the Baptist Book Store.